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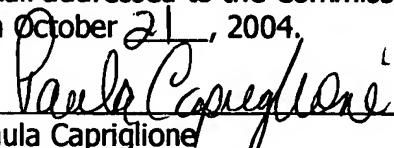
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



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In the Matter of the Application of: C. Copper et al.  
For: Electrical Contact with Plural Arch-Shaped Elements  
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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This reply is in response to the first Office Action mailed September 29, 2004 for the above identified application. This reply is being filed within the one month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Charge any fee associated with this reply and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

The Office has required Applicants to restrict the application to one of two inventions, identified as follow:

Group I, claims 1 – 24, drawn to an electrical contact, classified in class 439, subclass 843; and

Group II, claims 25 – 39, drawn to a method of forming/producing an electrical contact, classified in class 29, subclass 845.

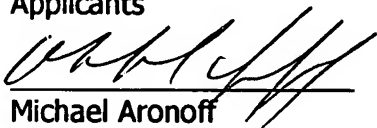
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Applicants elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1 – 24 in the present application. The election is made without traverse. However, Applicants expressly reserve the right to have claims 25 – 39 reinstated in this or in a divisional application when allowable subject matter is indicated in claims 1 – 24.

Respectfully submitted,

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